

Nothobranchius niassa

VALDESALICI, BILLS, DORN, REICHWALD AND CELLERINO (2012)



Nothobranchius niassa Niassa Reserve © Roger Bills - SAIAB

Original Description:

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Nothobranchius niassa (Cyprinodontiformes: Nothobranchiidae), a new species of annual killifish from northern Mozambique.

Ichthyological Exploration of Freshwaters, 23 (1): 19–28.

Etymology:

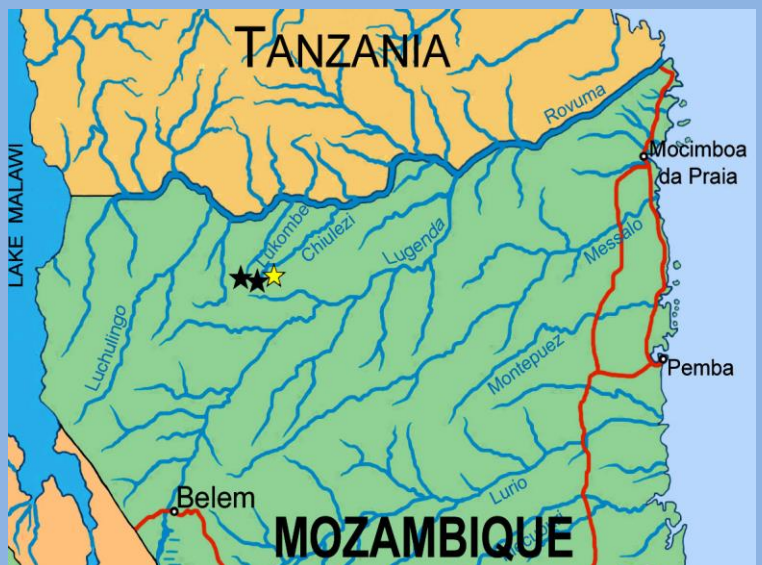
The name is given in reference to the Niassa Reserve, where this new species occurs.

Description:

A small somewhat elongate *Nothobranchius*, maximum length in males 2.9 cm

Type locality:

The first river crossing of the Mbstamila–Mantondovela road, in pools of a dry river bed, part of the Lukombe River drainage, within the Niassa Reserve, Mozambique:



Map Drawing by © Mick Agnew
Yellow star denotes the type locality

Habitat and Distribution:

Nothobranchius niassa is endemic to seasonal freshwater habitats in northern Mozambique. It is known from seasonal pools and streams, part of the Lukombe and Chiulezi River drainage, which flows into the Rovuma River in northern Mozambique.

Other fish species collected at the type locality were various *Barbus* species, *Clarias gariepinus* and *Petrocephalus catostoma*

Maintenance and Breeding:

Not known.

Nothobranchius niassa should not differ significantly to that of *N. makondorum*.

IUCN Red List:

Vulnerable

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